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Resolution on the Holiness of God and His Call to Holiness

Whereas,

GOD, by nature and in being, is holy (Isaiah 6:3, Leviticus 19:2), morally and intrinsically distinct from His creation and from sin (1 Samuel 2:2; Habakkuk 1:13); and

MAN, though created holy, without sin, became sinful and unholy (Romans 3:23; 5: 12); but

CHRIST made believers holy through His life, death, burial, and resurrection, and the application of His righteousness on their account (Romans 4:5-6; Hebrews 10:10).

It is then resolved that

WE as believers, by nature of our salvation from sin, commit ourselves to live holy lives (Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 1:15-16), separated from sin (Hebrews 12:1) and set apart to God causing us to abandon sinful desires (Titus 2:12, 1 John 2:15) and apostasy (1 Timothy 6:3-5), even separating from those believers who refuse to obey our Lord (1 Corinthians 5:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6), and living to honor God (1 Corinthians 10:31), and encourage believers (Hebrews 10:25) as a testimony to unbelievers (Colossians 4:5).

WE must also guard against pharisaical ideals of holiness knowing that holiness is not a matter of liturgy and legalistic practices (1 Corinthians 8:8), and that believers have freedom regarding disputable matters involving cultural influence and personal preferences (Romans 14:1-2). Observing this freedom, we will not consider another less godly because of their own convictions regarding such things but leave such matters to the Lord (Romans 14).

THE CHURCHES of this association commit themselves to teaching and pursuing holiness with freedoms of conscience among their respective members and ministries while behaving in Christian love toward one another.